

**WAUKESHA COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER
MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 19, 2010
MINUTES**

Present:

Troy Norman (Goodwill)
Michael DeMares (WCDHHS)
Mary Madden (NAMI)
Maura McMahon (Public Defender Office)
Dennis Farrell – (WCHHS Board)
Joan Sternweis (MHC - DT)
Diane Begos (MHC - CCS)

Corrine Gresen (WMH)
Lisa McLean (MHA)
Marybeth Vander Male (HIL)
Colleen Gonzalez (WCTC)

Guest:

Ralph Zick, HOPE Center

Excused:

Linda Cole (Friendships)
Sandra Hack (DHHS)
James Hanover (Div. of Voc. Rehab.)
Misty Barnhill (Friendships)

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m. by Troy Norman. Introductions were made.

Educational Segment:

Troy Norman introduced Mr. Ralph Zick, Executive Director of the HOPE Center. Ralph Zick explained the name HOPE Center reflected feelings of what everyone who was working with there felt. Ralph handed out a brochure and summarized the programs. The Clothing Center provides daily, business and dress clothes for lower income families. All clothing is reused or sent to a third world country. Project Move provides household furnishing and appliances and is building a new storage facility. The Good Samaritan Fund and The Outreach Meals Program are supported by the community churches, Hebron House and Salvation Army. The Day Shelter is open and serves meals on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. A side room was created for parents with children and meals are served family style. The number of children being brought for meals has increased greatly over the past year. During the day people meet for cards, games, look for apartments or look for employment. Funding is being sought to support the Day Shelter throughout the year. It is estimated that \$15,000 is needed to keep HOPE open after April 30th. An Outreach Nurse meets with people to understand the importance of their meds, do blood pressure checks and answer any questions. Discussion followed on fundraising, community support.

Mr. Zick was thanked for his presentation.

Review and Approval of February Minutes

The minutes were reviewed. Dennis Farrell moved to approve the minutes as published. This was seconded by Corrine Gresen. The minutes were approved as published.

Board Liaison Report

Dennis Farrell announced a Public Hearing will be held this week on the budget and Unmet Needs for 2011. Dennis encouraged the appearance of everyone who can attend including clients and staff. This week Dennis said he attended a meeting of the National Association of County and City Health Officials on the subject of National Healthcare Plan. There are many questions remaining on the National Healthcare Plan.

Legislative Report

Dennis Farrell stated the legislature will end this week. The flu update at this time is that the H1N1 is in remission, however, the Health Department is concerned about a quick return this spring. Vaccination clinics continue. Corrine Gresen stated the incidents of flu at Waukesha Memorial Hospital has increased. Diane Begos added the Parity Bill was recently passed.

CCS Coordinating Committee

Diane Begos said submitting of the CCS Plan to the State is the primary work at this time. The quarterly Meeting in Madison was well attended by staff and peer specialists. The service array has changed to not include residential services as it is now and impacts the current CCS plan. Membership, mentoring new clients in CCS were addressed. CCS will hold the Wednesday Night Family Education next on April 28, May 26 and June 30th. Jack Iverson, Ph.D. and Diane B. will presenting on mental illness and recovery. NAMI will also have presentations in April and May at the Mental Health Center.

COP Report

Joan Sternweis stated there are no variances to report and no other issues for review. There will be variances to review in May. Joan asked the committee to review allowing a stipend to individuals appointed to attend meetings. Dennis Farrell will take this to the County Executive.

Unmet Needs – Mike DeMares

Mike DeMares stated the unmet needs were presented to the County Board and it went well.

Old Business –

There was no old business.

New Business –

Joan Sternweis and Mary Madden began discussion on paying the certification exam for the Peer Specialist Certification. The fee is \$50.00 for the exam and each time the exam is retaken (up to three times). After discussion, the topic was tabled.

Other -

Mike DeMares said he met with the Sheriff's Department to talk about Crisis Intervention Training and for jail staff and police officers. They were receptive. There are funds available for training. A meeting with NAMI Milwaukee will be scheduled to discuss the training and invite Waukesha NAMI to attend this meeting as well as WCTC instructors in law enforcement for their input. Training will be held with officers from throughout Waukesha and other counties. This is voluntary. Discussion followed.

Mike DeMares stated a meeting will be held this week in Dodge County with Family Care Consortium to work out policies and procedures on Family Care and Mental Health, when Family Care is dropped and how it is reinstated. The State Liaison will also attend.

Next Meeting: May 17, 2010.

There was no other business. Mike DeMares moved to adjourn. This was seconded by Diane Begos. The meeting ended at 2:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Sylvester
Recorder

Minutes were approved

Doug L. Newman

Date

Monday, May 17, 2010

cc: Susie Austin, Chair, AODA
James Pearson, Chair of CAFSAC
Sue Konkel, Chair, Public Health
County Clerk, Waukesha County